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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-103,
relative to professional sport franchises.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-6-103(d)(1), is amended by
deleting subdivision (A) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(A) Notwithstanding the allocations provided for in subsection (a), if there exists
in a municipality a sports authority organized pursuant to the provisions of title 7, chapter
67, and if that sports authority has secured a major league professional baseball
(American or National League), football (National Football League or Canadian Football
League, or its successors or assigns), basketball (National Basketball Association) or
hockey (National Hockey League) franchise for that municipality, then an amount shall
be apportioned and distributed to the municipality equal to the amount of state tax
revenue derived from the sale of admissions to games of the major league professional
sports franchise, and also the sale of food and drink sold on the premises of the sports
facility in conjunction with those games, parking charges, and related services, as well
as the sale by such major league professional sports franchise, within the county in
which the games take place, of authorized franchise goods and products associated with

its operations as a professional sports franchise. Notwithstanding the allocations provided for in subsection (a), if a franchise for a minor league affiliate of a major league baseball team (American or National League) playing at the Class AA level or higher locates in a municipality in this state and if such municipality constructs a new stadium for such franchise, then at such time as the franchise begins operating in the new stadium, and for a period of thirty (30) years thereafter, an amount shall be apportioned and distributed to the entity that is responsible for retirement of the debt on and maintenance of the stadium in such municipality equal to the amount of state and local tax revenue derived from the sale of admissions to games of the professional sports franchise, and also the sale of food and drink sold on the premises of the stadium used in conjunction with those games, parking charges, and related services, as well as the sale by such professional sports franchise, within the county in which the games take place, of authorized franchise goods and products associated with its operations as a professional sports franchise less local taxes collected in the year preceding the new stadium occupancy. Such amount distributed to the municipality shall be for the exclusive use of the sports authority, or comparable municipal agency formally designated by the municipality, in accordance with the provisions of title 7, chapter 67. For the purpose of this subsection, "municipality" means any metropolitan government incorporated city or county located in the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.